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WASHINGTON STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL
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MINUTES
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: January 23, 2014
Location: DES Building, Rm. 2322
Olympia, Washington

Legislative Committee Members Present: John Chelminiak, Chair; Mark Kulaas, Vice Chair; Dave DeWitte; Rod Bault

Legislative Committee Members Absent: Ray Allshouse, Sandra Romero

Other Council Members Present: Dave Kokot

Staff Present: Tim Nogler, Joanne McCaughan, Krista Braaksma

CALL TO ORDER

John Chelminiak, Legislative Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Everyone was welcomed.

REVIEW AND APPROVE AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed and approved as written.

REVIEW AND APPROVE MINUTES

Review of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

LEGISLATION UPDATE

Bills of Interest

Tim Nogler reported on the new bills introduced since the previous meeting.

HB 2481- Food and yard waste collection

Tim noted this was a simple bill and staff's analysis concluded the rule could be done within the current work schedule. He has done some research on the issue on what is done in other states and local policies. There is currently some language in the state amendments regarding recycling containers. He felt the issue was more in line with a green code than the building code. John Chelminiak remarked that this is an important issue; many multi-family buildings don't provide space for multiple containers.

SB 6341 – LEED plus W building standard

Tim said this bill would impact DES Engineering and Architectural Services more than the Council. It has them creating a new LEED standard geared towards the use of wood. It also directs the Council to review the International Green Construction Code and make recommendations on adoption. This is something the Council is already doing, but it would compress the time frame. The original workplan assumed we would be reporting out next year. The bill has us reporting out by the end of the year. Dave DeWitte commented that the LEED certification standard for wood products essentially disqualifies all Washington products. Staff will continue to monitor the bill.

Legislative Hearings

Tim reported on the hearings held earlier this week.

HB 2168 – Tim provided legislative committee staff with information on the IRC development of language regarding minimum room size and whether it was reasonable to except sections of building code within the statute.

HB 2249 – Tim noted he had a meeting scheduled to speak with Representative Buys regarding the bill and the confusion it raises with the identification of climate zones, and if it is really necessary. There was lots of testimony provided from the four northeastern counties.

Dave DeWitte asked about 2260. Tim stated he had not heard the testimony on this bill but understood it had a lot of support.

Upcoming hearings include 2414 on high efficiency toilets scheduled for this Friday, the Senate companion bill on the electrical code next Friday, and 2481 on Monday.

Tim noted the hearing House version of the electrical code bill, 2213, had both interest and concerns expressed, with a strong push back from the unions and support from the counties. Tim felt there was too much opposition for it to go anywhere, but if it does the Council may want to take a position.

Joanne McCaughan noted that HB 2401, long life smoke detectors, also had a hearing today and the issue is looking very similar to that of the carbon monoxide alarms.

OTHER BUSINESS

None offered.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.